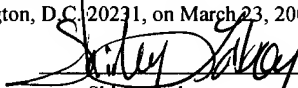


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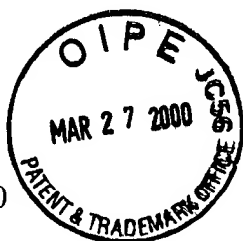
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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

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Dear Sir:

The presently named applicants, Danek et al., hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to enter the Amendment of the application submitted herewith to add the name of Michael D. Laufer as a joint inventor.

☒ At least one originally named inventor remains.

☒ In support of this Petition, declaration of Michael D. Laufer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is enclosed.

☒ The written consent of assignee is enclosed (Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b)) with executed Assignments attached.

☒ A substitute Declaration executed by the proper inventors is enclosed.

☒ The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) of \$130.00 is enclosed

Applicant requests that the inventorship in the above-identified application be amended by adding Michael D. Laufer, who was inadvertently omitted in the above application as a co-inventor, so that the inventorship entity of Christopher J. Danek, Thomas M. Keast, Bryan Loomas, and Michael D. Laufer will prevail as the true and correct inventorship entity in the above-identified application.

This request is supported by a verified statement of Michael D. Laufer, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), and by a Substitute Declaration, executed by Christopher J. Danek, Thomas M. Keast, Bryan Loomas, and Michael D. Laufer, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63. This amendment has been promptly filed as soon as the inadvertent inventorship error was discovered in the above application.

As outlined in the supporting documents, the facts surrounding this case are generally as follows: At the time this application was prepared and forwarded for execution by the inventors, a clerical error had been made omitting Micheal D. Laufer as one of the co-inventors.

The Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to correct the inventorship and to enter the enclosed affidavit declaration of Michael D. Laufer, as well as the enclosed

Substitute Declaration, which has been executed by Christopher J. Danek, Thomas M. Keast, Bryan Loomas, and Michael D. Laufer.

Respectfully submitted,

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